



MAY 2021

THE LOG
a newsletter of
**Lamb of God
Lutheran Church**



**MISSION
STATEMENT**

In the book of Acts, chapter nineteen, Paul meets a group of followers of Jesus who had never heard of the Holy Spirit.

Paul passes through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

I bet some of us can relate to those followers. As Lutherans we preach mainly on our Lord Jesus Christ, God's coming to us in the flesh to show us once and for all what is God's True nature. Our God is a God of love and forgiveness. Our God is not a God to be afraid of, but a God to be embraced.

I met a woman recently who told me she had grown up in a church that only talked about the wrath of God. She said that she constantly lived in fear of not being good enough for God to love her. She said to me that she never knew the love of God until, through marriage, she became a Lutheran. "It has changed my life," she said. I know where she is coming from. I too lived in fear of God until the Good News of God's love for us in Jesus Christ finally sunk in.

As Lutherans we rejoice in this message. But, do we consider the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives? Or are we like those followers Paul ran into in our Acts reading above?

What? You've never heard of the Holy Spirit? Well let me tell you what the Holy Spirit is all about! The Spirit reminds us of what Jesus said and did. The Spirit creates faith within us. The Spirit moves among us as we worship and serve and join in fellowship. The Holy Spirit comforts, strengthens and guides us. And these are just a few of the works of the Holy Spirit that the Bible tells us about.

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**Lamb of God
Lutheran Church**

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Lamb of God Lutheran Church at FACE BOOK

Lamb of God Lutheran Church is a loving, compassionate, forgiving Christian family; children of God, caring for each other, strong and united in their witness of Jesus Christ and his holy Gospel.

We have been called by God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit to work as an evangelistic, faithful congregation in teaching and spreading the Gospel and witnessing Christian love within the community and the world through service to others, care and concern for God's creation, and the uplifting of word and sacrament.

Office Hours:

Monday
10:00 am to 1:00
pm
814-825-8830

Council Highlights - April

Treasurer Report: Finances continue to remain healthy.

Communications: TY letter from ICM for \$100 donation.

Pastor officiated at Kenneth Schwenk's graveside burial in Ohio on April 10 & Joseph Harayda (& wife Joan ashes) graveside burial April 24. Helen Allen transferred her membership to LOG

Social Outreach: April 4-6 oz bars for Personal Care Kit & Towels
Sunday Supper May 2 (Sandy C & Sherry M), July 18 (Kim B), Oct 17 (Barb M)

Christian Education/Sunday School: Adult Sunday School at 9:30.
Sent Camp Lutheran money for Sullivan to attend Confirmation Camp.
Lutherlyn is open this summer. Money is available from LOG to help with any of our youth wanting to attend.

ELP- Discussion has been brought up about when to meet again. No answer yet.

Cooperative Ministry: Marnie, Pastor & Dave will meet to review a video on cooperative ministry

Worship and Music: Organist Allan Slovenkay will play first Sunday of each month & on special Sundays.

Our pianist Sharon will be attending Penn State Main Campus in the fall.

We need to search for another organist to play the complete liturgy.

We will begin to use hymnals again on Pentecost Sunday.

Sandy Cook volunteered to be the parking lot usher for May. Inside worship won't have ushers until Fall & offering plate will remain upfront on table.

Property: Shed was discussed & we think replacing the rotten boards & painting will be the best way to go this year. Amy has started to cleanup the flowers beds. Dave, Howard & Jerry are painting baseboards in the fellowship hall. It was approved for Jerry to purchase line paint & machine for parking lot lines. Fixed the door handle downstairs.

Women of the ELCA: Nancy is meeting with the knitting group on Wed to talk about WELCA.

New Business: Need to get vases refinished or purchase new ones.
Outdoor worship: June 27, July 25, August 29 (Time will be 10:00)
Looking into a Summer picnic.

Next Meeting: May 11 – 6:00 PM

Lamb of God Women of the ELCA

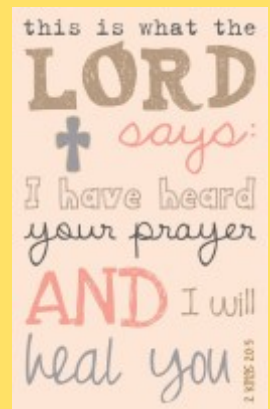
Wednesday, May 5, 11-2 at the Shrine Club, 2525 West 38 Street
Social hour starts at 11 (knitters are invited to bring their knitting projects)
Lunch 12:15-12:30

Please let me know no later than **Wednesday, April 28**, if you plan to attend
(Reply to this e-mail, 814-824-9511 or 814-651-5942)



Please continue to
pray for these
folks:

Cindy, Bertelle,
Stephen, Charlene,
Michael, Maria,
Virginia, Cassandra,
Judy, Rob, Jody, Ken-
ny, Aria, Bea, Ken,
Bishop Lozano, Mar-
lene, Slater, Chloe,
Ruth, Cathy, Jessie,
Pastor Washill



Social Ministry Monthly Specials 2021

SOCIAL MINISTRY 2021

Next Sunday Dinner served at Church of the Covenant is May 2. Other dates July 18, and Oct 17.

MAY/JUNE:

Trinity Center After School Programs

JULY:

LWR donation for mailing kits (monetary)

AUGUST:

Holy Trinity Sloppy Joe Dinner/LWR Kits

SEPTEMBER:

LWR Kits

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER:

Thanksgiving Baskets/Jesse Tree/Christmas Baskets

START YOUR DAY WITH A CUP OF HOPE, POSITIVITY, CONFIDENCE, LOVE AND LAUGHTER.
GOOD MORNING HAVE A CHEERFUL DAY

Humor Sunday Is May 9

Have a favorite joke to share?????

Mother's Day - May 9



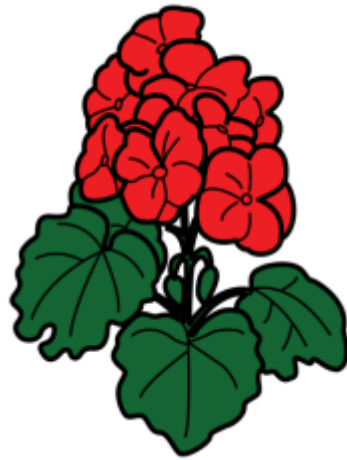
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BEAUTIFUL
unconditional love
creative UNSELFISH
LOVE U LOVE U LOVE U
BELIEVES
life patient GENTLE
compassionate
NURTURING
strength DEVOTED

Pentecost Flowers

May 23, 2021

Order Form

Name _____



Telephone _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Florist: Potratz 4.5 Pots

Red Geraniums to be planted around the church

Quantity:	Amount
_____	X \$5.00 _____

Total enclosed: _____

Please call the church or email us with the above info by

Monday, May 17, 2021 if you want a geranium planted.

814 - 825-8830 lambogod2@verizon.net

You can send a check to Lamb of God 606 E 38 St 16504



**2021
Flower
Calendar**

Please sign the calendar or call the church office to request your day to honor a special person or occasion or to memorialize a deceased love one.

**Cost is \$40.00
for 2 vases**

**Share the flowers
for half the price!**

Marnie Minds the Library



May Birthdays

- Wilbert Kroh
05/02
- Judith Hess
05/04
- Anna Wolff
05/06
- Jo Ann Schomer
05/15
- Barbara Malinski
05/25
- Helen Allen
5/31

May Wedding Anniversaries

James & Marilyn
Barninger 05/11/1979

Since May celebrates Mother’s Day, I’ve chosen a book that I think represents one of the best traits of moms. The book is “One Simple Act, Discovering the Power of Generosity” by Debbie Macomber. We are used to seeing Macomber as a fiction writer, but this one is nonfiction. She tells us that she has discovered something so great that she has to tell us.

Macomber uses many stories from real life to show us. Her goal for the book is to show us the many benefits that can come from practicing generosity. She first talks about gratitude as a prerequisite to giving. We can’t open ourselves to give until we are grateful for what we are given. She tells a wonderful story of Corrie ten Boom and fleas.

There is the mystery of the loaves and fishes where we learn that sharing what we have multiplies what we are given. Encouragement can be a wonderful act of giving. Macomber recounts her own struggles in school and how an act of a teacher made a difference.

Forgiveness, while not simple, is an act of generosity. (Please note the Reinhold Niebuhr poem on page 61.) This can be a life-changing gift that strengthens the well being of the giver. Believing the best of others is also not easy. We can tend to be critical of others. But if we can adopt this habit, we can help others to become the best they can be.

I don’t think we recognize caregiving as an act of generosity. I think that we just think that it is something we SHOULD do, i.e. taking care of aging parents. This is a tough act. But through it we can grow in ways that we would never imagine.

The gift of time can be so important, but in order to give it we have to prioritize what are the important ways to spend our 24 hours. Often we address the things that scream loudest. She tells us “God is the master of time. When we seek His wisdom on where to invest our time we are certain to invest well.

Finally there is the gift of prayer. The famous prayer of St. Francis shifts the focus away from what we want to what we can do for others. We can pray that God can help us be generous.

Moms, bless you all for your generous spirit. May we use you as role models in our lives.

Blessings,
Marnie



Letter from Bishop Lozano

Dear Synod,

We are an Easter people!

This is the third update regarding my health. In my last letter I used the word benign in describing my cancer. Today, after further testing, my cancer is confirmed as multiple myeloma with a plasmacytoma. Treatment begins with a short course of radiation therapy on Monday, 26 April. This course of radiation is designed to reduce the plasmacytoma on my chest. An aggressive chemotherapy treatment will immediately follow to address the multiple myeloma found within my bone marrow. I will be meeting with an oncologist at the Cleveland Clinic in the weeks ahead to begin the testing for a stem-cell transplant.

As I have said in past letters I know I will have good days and bad days. There are some “interesting” side effects to the chemotherapy treatments I am not looking forward to experiencing. I have had many ask what they can do to help me during this time of diagnosis and now treatment. I continue to ask you to bear with me in patience. But also to be kind to our synod staff as they continue to adjust and adapt their schedules, in the midst of this already stressful synod assembly planning time, to mine.

I have found what brings me joy is the news of the work of our synod. The gospel is proclaimed, sins are forgiven, the needs of the least, the lost, the lonely, the littlest, the last are addressed, new disciples are formed and washed into the community of believers, we are strengthened by the Sacrament of the Altar. The Spirit, most amazingly, blows creatively in our midst and we respond in faith to the new ventures placed before us. We are given new eyes by which to see, even in the midst of illness, change, frustrations and pain, God continues to work in our individual and communal lives.

I know I am but one in need of healing in our synod. The process of awareness of illness, diagnosis, treatment, recovering or wrestling with the acceptance of death continues among our rostered leaders and their families and among our communities of believers (in-person or on-line) and their families. And I am aware, and becoming more so, of the weight of the role of the caregiver. And so we pray:

God, our refuge and strength, we thank you for the compassion you infuse in your people, especially those who care for the physical and emotional needs of friends, family and strangers. Strengthen all caregivers in body and spirit. Refresh them when weary; console them when anxious; comfort them in grief; and hearten them in discouragement. Giver of peace, enlarge our patience and enable us to embrace all those who live with difficulties we may one day share; in Jesus' name. Amen (All Creation Sings, 54)

Called to Serve,

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WELCOME & THANKS

LAMB OF GOD
WELCOMES
HELEN ALLEN
WHO RECENTLY
TRANSFERRED HER
MEMBERSHIP.

THANKS TO JERRY
& MARY ELLEN
HEETER FOR
CLEANING UP OUT-
SIDE OF CHURCH
BEFORE HOLY
WEEK.

THANKS TO
KIM BOWDEN
FOR HOSTING THE
LAST ZOOM
GAME NIGHT.

Dates to keep in mind:

**May 2 Sunday Outreach Supper
served at the Church of Covenant**

May 9 Church Humor Sunday. Bring jokes to share!

May 11 Church Council at 6:00 pm

**May 5 Women meet at Shrine Club 11-2 for lunch & knitting
(see invite on page 3)**



May 12, 19 & 26 Women meet to knit at 1:00

May 23 Pentecost Sunday



May 30 Holy Trinity Sunday

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606 EAST 38 ST
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**Worship Services with
Holy Communion
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:30 am**

**TUNE YOUR DIALS TO AM 1630
WE CONTINUE TO BE ON THE AIR!
NEED TO BE IN CHURCH PARKING LOT**



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